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Captured by Buccaneers When a Small Boy—Crew and Passengers of the Ship Forced to Walk the Plank—Fiendish Acts of Barbarity.

An old negro whom the white people believed to have been much more than 100 years old died on the Brule cotton plantation, near All Seeing Eye, in Texas, a short time ago. The negroes called him Old Pirate, from the fact that he never tired of talking of his adventures at sea. To the white people he has always been known as Uncle Jolly, a name which he maintained was given to him by Lafitte's pirates when he was a boy, from the fact that he was sprightly and always in a good humor.

Uncle Jolly was carefully looked after in his old age by the white people, with whom he had been an object of great interest. Many of the descendants of the wealthy family to whom he belonged when a slave are still living, and there are few of them who have not sat at the old man's feet when they were children and listened to his blood curdling stories of the revelries and cruelties of the buccaneers of the gulf.

According to their story, he was born a slave on one of the islands of the West Indies. When he was 10 or 12 years of age, his master started on a voyage to New Orleans, taking his family and the negro boy, Jolly, along. One day, shortly after they had left the island, a big ship sailed close to them and began to fire big guns. The women and children began to cry and scream and cling to the men. He heard his master say they were pirates. He had no idea what that meant, but he realized that they were all in danger of being murdered. The ships drew closer together, and the people in both vessels began to fire guns and pistols. After a few moments the pirate ship ran alongside, and hundreds of ferocious looking men, with swords and pistols in their hands, sprang on board, uttering savage yells and curses.

Jolly saw his master fighting on the deck, and he ran below to tell his mistress. There were several women and many children in the cabin. It is hard for one to believe that anything in the shape

of a human being could have been guilty of such cruelties as these monsters perpetrated upon their defenseless victims. The negro said that he could not bear to witness the agonies of the women and children, and he returned to the companionway, where he met several pirates. One struck at him with a cutlass, but another interposed, remarking:

"Don't kill him. He is worth a pocketful of gold." They threw him up on the deck and went on into the cabin of the ship. The negro boy saw many dead men lying in their blood on the decks, and he noticed the captain and several of the sailors standing in a group, guarded by pirates. The women and children and two or three men who had been found in the cabin were dragged on deck and driven aboard the pirate ship. The captain and half a dozen of the crew who had escaped the massacre were put in chains. The women and children were driven below. The pirates at once began to loot the doomed vessel, and several hours were spent in transporting the booty to the decks of the pirate ship. Late in the evening the ship was set on fire, and the pirates sailed away.

Little attention was paid to the negro boy, and he was permitted to wander about as he pleased. The pirates spent the night in singing and drinking. The next morning the pirate captain, followed by several officers, stumbled on deck, and then the negro boy witnessed a scene that haunted him to his grave.

The prisoners were all driven on the forward deck of the ship, preparatory to walking the plank. The captain was the first one ordered to walk out. He folded his arms across his bosom and moved to his death with a firm step and head erect. The women and children now realized that they were to be drowned in the sea, and they began to pray and moan piteously. One poor woman, pressing a child to her bosom, walked up to one of the pirate officers and implored him to spare her life, offering him her jewels and promising him a large sum of money. The monster tore a gold chain from her neck and began to curse her. The child was crying and the merciless demon wrenched it from her arms and hurled it into the sea. The poor mother at once ran to the side of the ship and sprang overboard. Jolly's curiosity prompted him to follow her to the ship's side, where he saw her rise upon a wave and grasp her infant in her arms. He felt some satisfaction in knowing that the poor mother sank to rise no more with her little baby clasped to her breast.

The poor women had to be forced and dragged on the plank. They clung to the knees of the pirates and implored for their lives in a way that would have wrung mercy from anything but a heart of iron. Many of the children were thrown into the sea, where they were snapped up and crushed in the jaws of a swarm of sharks that had gathered around the ship.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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